S. No.	Name of the Scheme	2001-02		
		No. of Projects	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs	2	2.60	100
2.	Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs	1	1.50	80
3.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the SCs	1	0.89	100

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	2002-03		
		No. of Projects	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs	—	—	—
2.	Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs	—	—	—
3.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the SCs	1	1.18	40

Unemployment allowances for the disabled

616. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment allowance for the disabled is one of the provisions of the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995;

(b) whether this provision is under implementation at the Centre and the States level;

(c) If so, the details thereof with the number of the disabled being given unemployment allowance, State and UT-wise; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Punjab, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Pondicherry, Daman & Diu are giving an unemployment allowance to disabled persons. The following 20 states and 3 UTs provide Disability Pension or Maintenance Allowance or Social Security Allowance:

I. Andhra Pradesh

II. Bihar

III. Chhattisgarh

IV. Delhi

V. Gujarat

VI. Jammu & Kashmir

VII. Jharkhand

VIII. Haryana

IX. Himachal Pradesh

X. Kerala

XI. Manipur

XII. Mizoram

XIII. Nagaland

XIV. Orissa

XV. Sikkim

XVI. Tamil Nadu

XVII. Tripura

XVIII. West Bengal

XIX. Uttar Pradesh

XX. Uttaranchal

UT

I. D&N Haveli

II. Lakshadweep

III. Daman & Diu

The information regarding the number of persons drawing such allowances, State-wise, is not being maintained by the Ministry.

Hostels for backward class students

617. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government nas granted recognition to more than 155 new aided hostels for backward class students which did not fulfil pre-requisite conditions;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) to (c) The Government of India has not so far released any funds to the Government of Maharashtra for construction of hostels under its Scheme of Hostels for OBC boys and girls. The Government of Maharashtra has informed that it is not a fact that Govt. of Maharashtra has granted recognition to 155 new aided hostels for Backward Classes Students which did not fulfil pre-requisite conditions. However, the Govt. of Maharashtra has taken decision to start 33 aided hostels for backward class boys and 67 aided hostels for backward class girls students studying in 5th to 10th standard. Proposals of these hostels are called for from voluntary organizations by way of